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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM DUTY INCREASE ON WALL-
COVERINGS

1. THROUGH DAVID C. MURCHISON, ITS WASHINGTON REPRESENTA-
TIVE, IMPERIAL WALLCOVERINGS, 23645 MERCANTILE ROAD,
CLEVELAND, OHIO, HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
AUTHORIZATION FOR AN DOLLARS 800,000 ORDER OF WALLCOVERING
TO BE IMPORTED INTO VENEZUELA ON THE BASIS OF THE IMPORT
CHARGES IN EFFECT WHEN THE ORDER WAS RECEIVED BY IMPERIAL
WALLCOVERINGS. (THE VENEZUELAN TARIFF NUMBER ON THIS ITEM
IS 48.11.01.00). MR. MURCHISON'S INFOR-
MATION IS THAT IN NOVEMBER 1976 VENEZUELA ADOPTED A BASE
REFERENCE PRICE (I.E., A PRESUMED PRICE) OF DOLLARS 3.10
PER ROLL OF WALLCOVERINGS UPON WHICH A DUTY OF 50 PERCENT
AD VALOREM WOULD BE APPLIED. HE NOTES THAT FOR WALLPAPER
COSTING DOLLARS 0.92 A ROLL, FOR EXAMPLE, THIS RATE HAS
EFFECTIVELY BARRED U.S. EXPORTS OF THIS ITEM TO VENEZUELA.
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2. IMPERIAL WALLCOVERINGS, THE U.S. MANUFACTURER, MAKES
THE REQUEST ON GROUNDS THAT THE EFFECT OF THE INCREASE IN
IMPORT CHARGES AFTER THE ORDER WAS RECEIVED HAS BEEN TO
CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE BOTH TO ITSELF AND TO THE IMPORTER IN

VENEZUELA. IN ONE OF HIS TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE DEPART-

MENT OF COMMERCE ON THIS MATTER, MR. MURCHISON INDICATED THAT THE U.S. MANUFACTURER HAD PROCEEDED WITH PRODUCTION ON THE BASIS OF THE FIRM ORDER RECEIVED FROM THE IMPORTER IN VENEZUELA.

3. PERSON IN VENEZUELAN IMPORTING FIRM WHO HAS FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THIS TRANSACTION IS GAZAR GAZARIAN, EXECUTIVE MANAGER, BAZAR BOLIVAR (KRIKOR GAZARIAN E HIJOS, C.A), APARTADO ESTE 60994, CARACAS. PURCHASE ORDER WAS IN FOUR PARTS BEARING NUMBERS 76046, 76047, 76048 AND 76049. INCLUDED WERE 311,500 ROLLS AT DOLLARS 0.92 AND 108,600 ROLLS RANGING IN PRICE FROM DOLLARS 1.70 TO DOLLARS 2.20 PER ROLL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE FROM APPROPRIATE VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING RELIEF IN THIS SITUATION. CHRISTOPHER

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